

# Lake County Sheriff's Office

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### Man Attacks, Sexually Assaults Teen on Robert McClory Bike Path

On June 7, 2021, at approximately 7:30 p.m., Lake County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Robert McClory Bike Path just north of Yorkhouse Road, Beach Park, for a sexual assault that just occurred.

Preliminary investigation shows a 16-year-old female was walking on the bike path. A male described as being African American, possibly in his 20's, approximately 5'11," and thin build, came out of the tree line and approached the victim as she was walking. The offender had numerous metal hair barrettes in his hair, which is a very unique identifier.

After approaching the victim, he took her forcefully by the neck and shoved her to the ground. He then forcefully removed her clothing and sexually assaulted her. The victim screamed during the attack and a nearby resident heard the screaming. The nearby resident began yelling to the victim to run to them for assistance. At that time the offender fled on foot. The victim was able to run to the nearby resident who called 911 for help.

The victim was transported to an area hospital for treatment from injuries sustained during the attack.

Sheriff's deputies established a large perimeter and began searching for the offender. A canine track was conducted by a Lake Forest Police Canine. The track led to an area it is believed the offender fled in a vehicle.

Sheriff's detectives and sheriff's evidence technicians responded to the scene and continue to investigate.

Anyone with any information is asked to contact the Lake County Sheriff's Criminal Investigations Division at 847-377-4000.

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